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The Earlington Bee

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TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR

EARLINGTON, HOPKINS COUNTY, KY. TUESDAY DECEMBER 29, 1914

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No 103

UNKNOWN MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Interurban Strikes and Kills an Unknown White Man

AT MORTONS GAP THURSDAY

The Interurban train due here at 2:12 p. m. from Nortonville, struck an unknown man at the crossing a square south of the station at Mortons Gap last Thursday afternoon. The injured man was picked up and put in the baggage car to be bought to the St. Bernard Hospital here, but he died before the train reached here and his body was taken to Madisonville to an undertaker's. No one who saw him knew who he was. The only clue found was the name and address, "J. E. Moberly, Hopkinsville, Ky.," attached by the tailor to the coat he wore. He also had in his pocket a pistol, on which was crudely scratched the initials thought to be "T. E. M.," but which were probably meant for "J. E. M." which would confirm the name in his coat.

A man from Mortons Gap said that the man was seen to walk onto the track with his face toward the train as the train approached the crossing, in a way that indicated he either did not know what he was doing or intended suicide. The engineer could only sound his whistle, which he did. It was impossible for him to stop the train in such short distance. Harry Bramwell was conductor and H. L. Smith engineer. The railroad surgeon met train on arrival here but the traveler was beyond his aid.

Later--The body was identified Saturday as that of James Finn, of Muhlenberg county, by Jesse Moore, Herbert Moore and Geo. Spencer, of the Pond River country.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of bladder troubles, removing gravel, the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggists will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from Kentucky and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2920 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by Druggists.

Old Landmark Passes Away

Mr. Sweeney, who has been a resident of this place for a number of years, was called to his long home Saturday. He had been ill a short time and his death was due to the infirmities due to old age. He leaves two sons and one daughter. Mr. Sweeney had for a long time been an employee of the L. & N. and had many friends here. The interment took place in the Catholic cemetery Monday.

KILLED IN MINES AT NORTONVILLE

Will Wiley's Life Snuffed out by Falling Rock and Slate

Will Wiley, head electrician at Mine No. 1, at Nortonville, met death instantaneously Wednesday morning. He was sent for by a colored man operating a machine to look after something about the electrical connection and while on his way to the entry a block of limestone and cob from the roof fell upon him crushing out his life.

Wiley had been working at the mine about a month. He leaves a wife and four children. His remains were buried at Martin's Chapel Saturday. Wiley is a son of Dal Wiley, of the St. Charles country. He had been working in Indiana previous to going to Nortonville.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
—The Mother's Favorite
"I give Chamberlain's Cough remedy to my children when they have colds or coughs," writes Mrs. Verne Shaffer, Vendergrift Pa. It always helps them and is far superior to any other cough medicine I have used. I advise anyone in need of such a medicine to give it a trial." For sale by ALL DEALERS.

RUPERT WYCLIFFE MILLER

On Sunday night, December 20, at ten o'clock, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Miller of near Dixon, and summoned Rupert Wycliffe, their bright eleven year old son. He had only been sick a few days and his death came as a great shock to his parents. His sunny disposition made him an attractive child and the pet of the household. That which made his death peculiarly sad was the fact of his making preparations for the coming of Santa Claus, and these must be cut short just before his hopes were realized.

None but those who have known such sorrow can appreciate the feelings of the father and mother. But their sorrow can only be that from their home has been taken such a jewel, and their comfort is in knowing that Rupert was an innocent, pure child whose life had known no sin. Jesus would say "of such is the kingdom of heaven." He is with the angels of heaven, waiting for father and mother who can go to him though they cannot bring him back to them.

A Test for Liver Complaint

Mentally Unhappy—Physically, Dull
The liver, sluggish and inactive, first shows itself in a mental state—unhappy and critical. Never is there joy in living, as when the Stomach and Liver are doing their work. Keep your Liver active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pill; they empty the bowels freely, tone up your Stomach, cure your Constipation and purify the blood. 25¢ at Druggists. Bocklen's Arnica Salve excellent for piles.

James Cloren Called Home

Jas. Cloren, an aged citizen of this place, died Monday night at 8 o'clock. He had been in bad health for several months and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Cloren leaves a wife, one son and a daughter to mourn his loss. The interment will take place in the Earlington cemetery Wednesday afternoon after funeral services at the home. Mr. Cloren was well known here and had a large number of friends who sympathize with the family in their loss.



Eyes Examined
Glass Properly Fitted

L. C. WILEY
Graduate Optician

Earlington, Kentucky

Uncle Sam Offers All Americans a Chance to Feed Starving Belgium

Arrangements Made For Sending Parcel Post Packages From Rural Districts. How to Aid the Stricken Little Sister of the World
—By WILL IRWIN—



HOMELESS BELGIAN WOMEN ON THE WAY TO THE BREAD LINE.

FOR the first time in its history the postoffice department has been enlisted in a charitable undertaking. From this time forth any American who wishes to give food to the starving people of Belgium has only to stamp his parcel in the regular way and send it through the parcel post. It will go as straight and fast as rail and water will carry it to the doors of the starving Belgians, and the money he has paid for stamps will be refunded to the donor by the American Commission For Relief In Belgium, the executive offices of which are at 71 Broadway, New York city.

Seven million people, mostly women, children and old men, are still shut up in Belgium. Industry stopped when the Germans came; the money gave out through the payment of fines and indemnities; the crops were mainly ruined. With the coasts cut off, Belgium, which imports three-quarters of her food supply in normal times, could import no more. Work is gone; money is gone; most important of all, food is gone. The German conquerors, who need all their own supplies to guard against the proposed "siege of Germany" by the allies, cannot and will not feed them. The allies, fearing that the Germans will seize any food coming from a hostile source, cannot or will not feed them. America must feed them or they will starve. There is no other way. Seven million people, until last year the most industrious, peaceful and prosperous nation in Europe, will go to their graves this winter unless America gives as never nation gave before.

While Belgium needs everything, she needs most of all just food—non-perishable food which will stand the test of ocean transportation, such as flour of any kind, peas, beans and preserved meats. The donor has only to put up his gift in packages of not less than twenty-five pounds nor more than fifty pounds, stamp it in the usual way and mail it at the nearest postoffice. If the donor adds his own name and address, TOGETHER WITH THE LETTER "R," the money he has paid for stamps will be refunded to him by the commission.

Packages mailed from KENTUCKY should be addressed to KELLY STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, LEXINGTON; CRUTCHER BROS. COMPANY, 124 EAST MAIN STREET, LOUISVILLE; who are collecting agents for this district.

THE MOST NORTHERN RAILROAD

According to the Edison monthly, the most northern railroad in the world is to be strictly an electric one, the engines used being electric, and their power coming from a hydro-electric plant.

The most modern enterprise is located near Porjus Falls, in Lapland, one of the largest in that northern peninsula. The building of the power plant was a government project costing about \$5,000,000.

The economic justification of this outlay is that the new Lapland railway is expected to bring ore from the great Arctic iron mines. In 1907 this country produced 4,400,000 tons of iron.

—Wall Street Journal.

CALENDARS FOR 1916

We have just received a beautiful and inexpensive line of 1916 Calendars and are now ready to take orders for same. See our line of Domestic calendars and hangers before buying. It pays to trade with home people and keep the money at home.

The EARLINGTON BEE

Invigorating to the Pale and Sickly
The Old Standard general strengthening tonic
GROVER'S TONIC, 16 CENTS, 16 oz. Dr. Grover's Anesthetic Sealing Oil. It relieves Pain and Headache at the same time. 25¢, 50¢, \$1.00

FIGHT DUEL WITH PISTOLS

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Frank Mitchell was shot and fatally wounded last night by Tom Vinson. The shooting occurred on the road in front of Vinson's farm, near Gracey.

Mitchell had been a tenant on Vinson's farm and the men had had trouble over their accounts, it is said, and Mitchell had arranged to move to near Cerulean Springs. Yesterday he hauled some of his goods to Gracey to ship them, and in order to avoid a bad place in the road, he crossed Vinson's wheat field. Vinson discovered it soon afterward and is said to have taken Mitchell to task about it, on the latter's return, when the shooting occurred.

Both fired several shots, it is alleged, but only one took effect, striking Mitchell in the abdomen on the right side.

Both men are well known in their section and Vinson is well-to-do.

Mitchell has a wife and fifteen children, Vinson is married but has no children. Vinson went to Cadiz this morning and surrendered to the authorities there as the scene of the shooting is just across the Christian-Trigg line.

FACT

Local Evidence

Evidence that can be verified.

Fact is what we want.

Opinion is not enough.

Opinions differ.

Here's an Earlington fact.

You can test it.

John W. Davenport, Earlington, Ky., says: "I suffered from kidney trouble more than tongue can tell. My back was so sore and lame that I could not work for days at a time and the kidney secretions were scanty. A constant pain in my head almost blinded me. I became dizzy, dark spots floated before my eyes and I would reel like a drunken man. Nothing did me any good until a fellow workman told me he had used Doan's Kidney Pills with success. I got a supply at the St. Bernard Mining Co., Incorporated, and it was only a few weeks before they removed the trouble."

Price 50cts at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Davenport had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

THE ANDERSON-CRICKARD ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mrs. Harry Anderson entertained the members of the Night Owl Club last Tuesday night at her home on West Broadway, at which time the approaching marriage of her sister-in-law, Miss Nannie B. Anderson, was announced in a most unique manner to Mr. Paul Vincent Crickard. The home was beautifully decorated with holly, growing plants and red and white carnations. After enjoying a number of most interesting games of rook the guests were invited into the dining room which was a bower of loveliness. The table was beautiful in all of its appointments. The center piece was of white carnations encircled with holly and Cupids and hearts were scattered about over the table. A most delightful two-course luncheon was served, the ices and cakes being in the form of hearts with a miniature bride placed at the side of each of them.

How to Give Quinine to Children.

PERRILINE is the trade-mark name given to an improved Quinine. It is a Tasteful Syrup, pleasant to take and does not disturb the stomach. Children take it and never know it is Quinine. Also especially adapted to adults who cannot take ordinary Quinine. Does not stimulate the appetite nor cause sleepiness in the head. It is also good for colds and fevers. For any purpose, ask for Perriline original package. 18 lbs best Granulated Sugar.... \$1 Arbuckles Coffee per package.... 20¢ 2 gallons Coal Oil for..... 25¢ Good Bacon per lb..... 16 3-2¢ White Chunk Bacon per lb. 12 1-2¢ Pure Hog Lard per lb 10 10 lbs for..... \$1.40 Lemon or Vanilla Flavoring, 2 bottles..... 15¢ 7 bars Swift Pride Soap..... 25¢ Navy H. P. Beans per lb..... 6 1-2¢ 3 Boxes Matches for..... 10¢ Good Coffee per lb..... 12 1-2¢ 2 cans Lye Hominy for..... 15¢ Good Four Sewed Brooms..... 25¢ 2 Packages Blueing for..... 5¢ Irish Potatoes per half bushel 45¢ for..... 15¢

Sam H. Arnold SPOT CASH GROW-SIR MADISONVILLE, KY.

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WOUNDED BY OWN WEAPON

Henderson Man Investigates Alarm at His Home and Finds

GUN LEVELED IN HIS FACE

Henderson, Ky., Dec. 27.—Jack Lester is in a dying condition with three bullet wounds in his head, inflicted, it is said, by his own weapon, which was turned upon him by Claude Hicks, at whose home he was a visitor.

According to reports made to the authorities, Hicks had temporarily left the house when, after a few moments, he heard his wife scream and started to investigate. At the door of the house he was met, it is said, by a leveled shotgun in the hands of Lester.

Hicks knocked the weapon aside and the first shot failed to reach its mark. Lester then dropped the shotgun, it is said, and drew a revolver. Hicks clinched with his assailant and the second shot crushed thru the ceiling.

It is declared that Hicks, being the more powerful of the two, grabbed Lester's arm, and doubled it backward. Three shots were fired in rapid succession. One of the balls from the revolver passed thru Lester's temple, another entered the left eye, while the third penetrated his mouth.

Prompt Action Will Stop Your Cough
When you first catch a cold (often indicated by a sneeze or cough) break it up at once. The idea that "It does not matter" often leads to serious complications. The remedy which immediately and easily penetrates the lining of the throat is the kind demanded. Dr. King's New Discovery soothes the irritation, loosens the phlegm. You feel better at once. "It seems to reach the very spot of my Cough" is one of many honest testimonials. 50cts at your Druggist.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURT OF APPEALS

We are authorized to announce J. F. GORDON as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Appeals, for the First Appellate District, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

CIRCUIT JUDGE

We are authorized to announce J. W. Blue, Jr., as a candidate for Circuit Judge of the districts composed of Hopkins, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston counties, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the Primary August 1915.

We are authorized to announce Lee Gibson as a candidate for Circuit Judge of this judicial district composed of the counties of Hopkins, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston; subject to the action of the democratic party in the August primary 1915.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

We are authorized to announce Ruby Laffoon as a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney for the fourth judicial district composed of the counties of Hopkins, Caldwell, Crittenden and Livingston, subject to the action of the Democratic primary August 1915.

Circuit Court Clerk

We are authorized to announce John Reading for the office of Circuit Court Clerk of Hopkins county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

Current Information

John Hayes Hammond, Jr., is reported to have invented powerful projectile containing aluminothermic mixture, which after projectile leaves seige gun, turns steel contents into white hot mixture of 5,100 degrees Fahrenheit. Separate chamber contains hydrocyanic acid, the fumes of which are deadly. Projectile will set fire to everything it touches.

London Statist advocates unrestricted sale by United States of arms and ammunition to all belligerents. Statist says New York has opportunity to become one of greatest investing capitals in the world and American money market may gain importance not hitherto enjoyed.

Returning travelers say London is defended by almost unbroken line of trenches from Hendon through Potter's Bar to Epping forest to the Thames. These were constructed by recruits for practice.

Cunard line paid \$50,000 to insure Lusitania for \$10,000,000 on trip from England to America and back again. This is among highest premiums ever paid for single marine insurance policy.

Commercial Club of Kansas City estimates that city has benefited by over \$5,000,000 by European war through sale of horses and mules.

German people are being urged to live on vegetables and rye bread, and leave meat, white bread and delicacies for the ill and wounded.

Geo E. Hayes, consulting geologist, of London, predicts that Alberta province, Canada, will in the near future rank as one of the greatest oil fields in the world.

Orders for 200,000 overcoats, 200,000 blouses and 200,000 trousers have been placed by a European government with New York

firms.

It is rumored that Germany has recently purchased 10,000,000 pounds of wool of various descriptions in different parts of this country.

Immigration at port of New York is now only about 20% of normal and is largely made up of Italians, Scandinavians and Irishmen.

Petrograd dispatch says German air men drop bags of lime before throwing bombs and the whitening of the ground by the lime gives them accurate range.

Creusot factories are reported making transportable iron bridges to be used by French in crossing Rhine. New type of 20-inch mortar is also being manufactured.

Of 489,738 soldiers treated in French hospitals between Sept. 15 and Nov. 30, only 2.48% died.

Deafness Cannot be Cured
by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you save a cumbly sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Cataract, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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A New Year is Born

A New Year!
To many of us it will be a year of plenty—if we do OUR part—if we but use our brains, and our energy, and our perseverance—if we use them in the RIGHT way.

But will we do that?

Will the RIGHT way appeal to us?

Many of us have made the customary New Year's resolutions, with the full intention to live up to them.

But WILL WE so live?

Will the year be one in which we place RIGHT above all other considerations.

Will it be one in which we place HONOR above GOLD and CHARITY above GREED, and GENTLENESS above ARROGANCE?

Or will we plunge headlong into a frantic and gasping rush for the golden end of the rainbow?

Will it be a year in which our simple WORD is as good—or even better—than our BOND?

Or will it be one in which we HAGGLE, TWIST, SQUIRM, EVADE, CONCEAL and DECEIVE?

It may be the one or the other. But which WILL it be?

WE MEAN well—but will we DO well?

ONLY TIME CAN TELL.

Sick Headache
Sick headache is nearly always caused by disorders of the stomach. Correct them and the periodic attacks of sick headache will disappear. Mrs. Jno. Bishop, of Roseville, Ohio, writes: "About a year ago I was troubled with indigestion and had sick headaches that lasted for two or three days at a time. I dosed and tried a number of remedies but nothing helped me until one of those sick spells a friend advised me to take Chamberlain's Tablets. This medicine relieved me in a short time." For sale by ALL DEALERS.

The Santa Maria Derelict

By M. QUAD
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Of all the devilish, cold-blooded things done by men you will have read of few to equal what took place aboard one of the Spanish galleons, the Santa Maria, in the year 1802. It was published in the papers at the time, but only a partial account, and as we had war and excitement at home the incident was soon forgotten.

One of the oldest business houses in Mexico up to the date above named was that of the Spanish house of Galera & Co., founded seventy-five years previously. The business of the house was banking, mining, merchandising and cattle raising. It had a dozen branches in Mexico, and it had dealings with half a dozen countries. In a financial sense it was stronger than the government, and its yearly profits footed up an enormous sum. A son of the founder had succeeded to the management, and when old age came he turned over the active work to a cousin named Alvarez. The new manager was a young man of twenty-five, born in Spain of a fine family and had been educated for the priesthood. He was a man without a vice. Such was his probity that he was called "Holy Alvarez" even in his youth. At an enormous salary and with autocratic powers young Alvarez took over the management of affairs in Mexico, and almost as soon as he stepped foot on North American soil a change took place in his character. He began to drink, gamble and play fast and loose.

Of course there was gossip about the new manager, and there were those who predicted that his extravagances would ultimately bring ruin to the old house, but there were no official complaints. He knew little or nothing of business, but he did know how to spend money royally, and in a year he had people guessing how much longer it would take him to bankrupt the house. It was after the balance sheets had proved to him that he was spending more than the profits of the house and was a debtor to an enormous amount that he set about preparing a grand coup. The Spanish merchant was loaded with a consignment of gold, silver, copper, furs and dyestuffs for Spain and the cargo insured to the last cent. Alvarez took into his confidence a young man named Prado, and when the Santa Maria sailed he confederate went with her as supercargo.

The ship was manned by a crew of fourteen men, all Spaniards. Thirty days after her sailing to the southwest the American bark Homeward-left the port of Valparaiso homeward bound. We had been out three days when we ran into a dead calm, with the weather so terribly hot that the deck planks smoked in the sun. As we lay heaving on the ground swell a small boat drifted into view. It seemed to be empty, and it had been in sight for two hours and was not over half a mile away when the captain decided to pick it up. A boat was sent off, and when she returned with the stranger we had a sad spectacle under our eyes. There was a dead man lying at full length under the thwart.

About two days later we came up with a derelict from which the man in the boat had no doubt escaped. On board a horrible sight met us—the bodies of fourteen dead men.

The derelict was a great find to us. Her manifest showed a cargo valued at over \$2,000,000, and the ship was all right above deck.

As the man got away alone and had provisioned the boat it must have been after the others were dead. He it was, then, who had brought about the wholesale death of the crew, and he must have had a strong motive. That motive was discovered when some of the boxes of treasure were hoisted out of the lazaret and broken open. Aside from one or two boxes, the whole treasure business was a fake. Lead had been substituted for silver and gold. The furs were a cheat and a fraud, and the value of the dyestuffs was not one-quarter of the sum they were insured for. A second and closer search of the stateroom evidently occupied by the supercargo gave us the key to unlock the whole mystery. He had left behind a letter of instruction signed by Alvarez at the City of Mexico, and in that we learned that the name of the dead man was Prado.

With the auger hole plugged and a part of our crew on board the Santa Maria, we laid our course for the port of Valdivia, and in due time both craft arrived there in good shape. The dead had been given burial, of course, but there was no lack of other proofs. As soon as the plot was unraveled steps were taken for the arrest of Alvarez in Mexico, and our claim for salvage was filed. Governments move slowly in international matters. It was months before they got ready to arrest the man who had plotted this sea tragedy. He had meanwhile continued his career of dissipation and extravagance, depending upon his insurance money to make everything good. News got to him somehow from Valdivia of the derelict being towed in, and he left Mexico and hid away in Bolivia. There he was at last found, but he cheated the hangman by committing suicide.

As a plot hatched against an equal and as a tragedy of the sea one must believe that Prado was little short of a devil incarnate to sweep aside coolly the fourteen human beings who stood in his path.



Protection for the Home

The strongest desire of husband and wife is the welfare of their children.

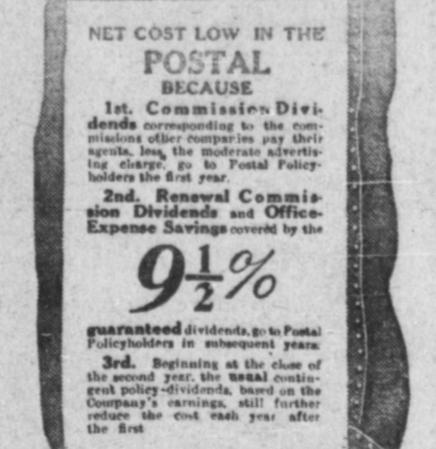
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MORE THAN SIX-THOUSAND FIRES

The total number of fires during the season of 1914 which threatened the national forests and which had to be handled by the protective organization of the forest service were 6,112, or about 1,000 more than occurred in 1910. This number represents the fires reported up to Dec. 1. At that time reports indicated that there was still a dangerous condition in Southern California and in certain portions of the national forests of the east. The service says that the total for the year will be increased by fires in these regions during December.

The most serious conditions are reported from western Montana and northern Idaho and on the Pacific slope. The weather conditions in the central and southern Rocky mountain regions were more nearly normal. As a consequence only 15 per cent of the total number of all national forest fires occurred in these regions and they were handled with out difficulty and with very small loss of property.

Of the entire 6,112 fires which threatened the national forests, 81 percent were extinguished by the protective organization before they had covered 10 acres. The percentage of fires that burned over more than 10 acres was smaller than in any previous years.

While detailed reports have not yet been received appraising the exact loss to the government through the forest fires a preliminary estimate shows that the loss of merchantable timber will probably not exceed \$400,000.

Are You a Woman?

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The Woman's Tonic

FOR SALE AT ALL DRUGGISTS

A DIAMOND RING

By M. QUAD

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If any one had told my friends that I was possessed of the slightest spark of romance at the age of forty-five the information would have been received as a base canard. A bachelor of that age, who has drifted about with all sorts of people and bumped up against all sorts of adventures, is pretty sure to have had all romance knocked out of him.

On a certain Tuesday I took a train at Elmer Junction for London, and as there were but few passengers I had a compartment to myself. I had been busy with a newspaper for half an hour when I noticed a small package lying under the opposite seat. I found it a plain pasteboard box and was prepared to find a specimen of tree chewing gum or a new brand of troches inside. It was something different, however. It was a lady's diamond ring, made up of five stones of the purest water, and on the inside were the initials "B. P." The ring was a double hoop of gold and had probably been made to order. It was lying closely in the box, and the box had once contained steel pens. I argued that it must have been some careless person who carried a valuable ring in that fashion.

I am only a fairly honest man. My first idea was to keep the ring to my own profit, but I remembered that I was known to the railway porter and that the property might be traced to me.

If not strictly honest I am prudent, and I therefore gave up the idea of converting the ring. I would hold it for a reward, however. Half an hour later I felt a curious sensation stealing over me. I began to feel sentimental, I began to connect that dear little ring with a dear little blond-haired, blue-eyed girl. I got up and kicked myself three times and called myself a fool, but the feeling did not go away. To my astonishment and indignation I found it growing stronger, and before I knew it the grip of romance had got me by the neck.

I was a man of leisure, though I had no great amount of money to my credit. I would hunt up the owner of that ring, and if all things went well I would marry her. For a week I watched all the newspapers, but the ring was not advertised. This seemed to prove to me that the owner was either rich and indifferent to her loss or that for some reason the loss had not yet been discovered. Romance made me anxious, and I therefore went to the expense of advertising in five different papers. I simply stated that a diamond ring had been found on a railroad train and asked the loser to correspond.

Inside of three days I received about 150 letters in reply. The 150 writers were fakers and liars, and the true loser had not answered me. I was a bit nettled at this neglect on her part. I advertised again. This time I asked "B. P." to communicate with me in case she had lost anything. There were just 107 "B. P." answers, but among them I selected one which appeared to be genuine. This "B. P." had lost a double hoop diamond ring containing five stones. It had been lost on a railroad train and was a birthday gift from a dead mother. I was asked to call at the chambers of a certain solicitor to have the ring further identified. I was on hand at the appointed hour. So was a stern-faced and aggressive-looking householder, together with a slick-looking villain whom I had once spotted for a detective and a young woman whose hair was red instead of blond. The ring was speedily identified by the stern-faced man and red-headed girl. "B. P." was Bertha Perkins and her maid were before me. Perkins was a country squire, and on the night previous to my finding the ring her daughter's jewels had been stolen. The hoop ring was part of the plunder.

Of course I was ready to hand over the ring, but it wasn't to stop there. The red-headed maid was sure she recognized me as the man who was hanging about the grounds a few hours before the robbery, and that villain or a detective was only too glad to snap the handcuffs on my wrists and hurry me off to jail.

Weak Heart



Many people suffer from weak hearts. They may experience shortness of breath on exertion, pain over the heart, or dizzy feelings, oppressed breathing after meals or their eyes become blurred, the heart is not sufficiently strong to pump blood to the extremities, and they have cold hands and feet, or poor appetite because of weakened blood supply to the stomach. A heart tonic and alterative should be taken which has no bad after-effect. Such a

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

which contains no dangerous narcotics or alcohol.

It helps the human system in the constant manufacture of rich, red blood. It helps the stomach to assimilate or take up the proper elements from the food, thereby helping digestion and curing dyspepsia, heartburn and many uncomfortable symptoms, stops excessive tissue waste in convalescence from fever; for the rundown, anemic, thin-blooded people, the "Discovery" is refreshing and vitalizing.

In liquid or tablet form at most drug stores or send 50 one-cent stamps for trial box to Dr. Pierce's Medical Hotel, Buffalo, N.Y.

Read Chapter VII on Circulatory Organs in the "Medical Adviser"—A French cloth-bound book of 1000 pages sent on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps, address as above.

The man who whispers down a well

About the things he has to sell. Will never reap a crop of dollars like he who climbs a tree and "hollers."

News of the Town

WANTED—Men who desire to earn over \$125.00 per month, write to-day for position as salesmen: very opportunity for advancement. CENTRAL PETROLEUM CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

John Moore and Ben Evans were in Madisonville Tuesday.

Miss Hattie Cordier was in Madisonville yesterday.

Uncle Tom Giannini, of Nashville was here Monday and Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

1915—Get it right.

Good morning! Have you seen The Courier? Evansville's best paper.

May the new year bring you happiness, a full pocketbook and a wife—if you haven't one.

Good times are on the way—and we are on the watch.

Now that the wheels of industry are beginning to turn, perhaps those in our head will be given a rest.

Mrs. Joe Blondin and Mother left Monday to visit relatives and friends in Evansville.

Misses Catherine and Eleanor Blondin are visiting friends and relatives in Henderson.

Having ushered the 1915 infant into the world without mishap, we may now turn our attention to discussing the merits of the European Folly.

A contemporary says the day of the political grandstander and four-flusher is gone by. But the grandstander and the four-flusher still remain.

A defeated candidate can always console himself with the thought that "the people never know their own minds, anyway."

Mrs. H. C. Fischer is going to spend a few days with Miss Virlie Davis soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Peyton, of Evansville, who have been spending Christmas with Mr. Peyton's parents, have returned home.

James Draper, of Evansville, was in the city Monday and Tuesday to do the furnace work at the Christian church. Mr. Draper has the reputation of being an expert at his kind of work.

It is becoming apparent that Janan did not enter the war for her death, as was expected.

"The said that even the snow is red over the way."

Russia is buying millions of horse shoes in this country. The iron cost, again.

There are 178 religious denominations in this country, and each one "the only true brand."

Just why do some men quail when they meet their wives in public? I know, but we're too much a diplomat to answer.

Mrs. Laura Smiley is visiting her in St. Louis.

Miss Merrie King spent Christmas in Henderson.

Dorothy Bramwell is visiting in Nashville.

D. L. Gordon, from the country, is in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Adams are in town for a few days.

Use your head if you want your feet to get you there.

When a woman doesn't remember her age she remembers it only too well.

When money talks we all listen. Often a self-made man doesn't live long enough to finish the job.

When a woman accuses her husband of being bad he often goes right and makes good.

Winter has its uses. It makes the man hump.

An Impossible Thing

The really good weekly newspaper promotes the interest of the town in which it is published to such an extent that it becomes impossible to place an estimate upon its worth. There is no enterprise that does so much for the corporation of the individual citizen as the paper. It is the friend that stands for the upbuilding of the community. The paper has not yet come into its own, however, because it is never appreciated to the extent of its worth by the people at large. Yet when battles are to be fought for town or country to rush is made for the news paper office, always to find the loyal editor ready, frequently without hope of reward.

Many other enterprises are encouraged by a bonus, but rarely is the paper offered any such help. Communities not infrequently lose sight of their real benefactor when they fail to recognize the weekly paper in their midst, as such. The minister and the editor go hand in hand as the bulwark of defense against the attacks of evil of designing schemes affecting the individual or the town. For these and other good reasons the newspaper of the town and county should receive the support of the public at large in a very liberal degree, for it is really the most important business enterprise of the community. The editor is a business man and not a mendicant and should be recognized as the most important factor in the community, for poor indeed is the town or corporation that has not at least one of these necessary persons in it—Exchange.

Miss Florence Bogle, a beautiful and attractive young lady, of Nashville, is the guest of Miss Lucy Fawcett a few days.

Red Fenwick and Bill Oldham, of this place, were in Madisonville on Xmas day visiting friends.

Miss Laura Fenwick, of Evansville, is the guest of relatives this week.

Now, altogether! Let's make it a year of PUSH.

Mrs. Thayer, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is at home on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Fred Rootz.

Mrs. Elsie Robinson was the recipient of a beautiful Victrola as a Christmas present from her son, Mr. Ed F. Robinson, of Rochester, New York. And there is music in the little bungalow on the corner, which is one of the prettiest and most cheerful homes in Earlington.

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Sam Murphay, of Springfield, is visiting the family of his aunt Mrs. J. T. Featherston this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Head, a fine ten pound girl, mother and child both getting along nicely.

MOTHER SUPERIOR ROSARY HILL HOME

Tells How Vinol Restores Strength and Vitality to the Weak, Worn-Out Ones in Her Charge.

Rosary Hill Home, Hawthorne, N.Y.—"I have been at work among the sick and poor for nearly eighteen years, and whenever I have used Vinol for rundown, weak or emaciated patients, they have been visibly benefited by it. One patient, a young woman, was so weak and ill she could hardly creep to my door for aid, and was leaning on a friend's arm. I supplied Vinol to her liberally and in a month when she returned to thank me I hardly recognized her. She was strong, her color charming and her cheeks rounded out. These words are uttered from my heart, in order that more people may know about Vinol, as there is nothing makes me happier in the world than to relieve the sick."—Mother M. ALPHONSA LATHEOP, O.S.D., Hawthorne, N.Y.

Such disinterested and reliable testimony should convince everyone of the merits of Vinol, our delicious cod liver and iron tonic to build up health and strength for all weakened and nervous conditions, whether caused from over-work, worry or chronic coughs and colds. If Vinol fails to benefit we return your money.

St. Bernard Mining Co., Incorporated Drug Department.

That Auto

I owned a handsome touring car, To ride in it was heaven; I ran across a piece of glass— Bill, \$14.97.

I took my friend out for a ride, 'Twas good to be alive; The carburetor sprung a leak— Bill, \$40.95.

I started on a little tour, The finest sort of fun; I stopped to quick and stripped my gears— Bill, \$80.51.

I took my wife down town to shop, To save car fare was great; I jammed into a hitching post— Bill, \$20.68.

I have spent my little pile of cash, Yet this misfortune I must hide; I'll put a mortgage on the house And take just one more ride.

A Criticism

An editor who was asked by his son to help him with some of his problems, assigned as night work, says he can't see how a boy is going to learn anything when his teacher sends him home with problems like the following:

If it takes a four-months-old woodpecker, with a rubber bill, nine months and thirteen days to peck a hole through a cypress log that is large enough to make 117 shingles, and it takes 165 shingles to make a bundle worth 98 cents, how long will it take a cross-eyed grass-hopper with a cork leg to kick all the seeds out of a dill pickle?

Deans Regrets are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without gripping and without bad after effects. See all drug stores.

A WATER RESCUE

By LOUISE B. CUMMINGS

George MacElroy spent his summers on the Atlantic coast and always owned some sort of boat. The first he owned was a skiff with a leg-o-mutton sail; the second was a dory, rigged in the same way; the third a twenty foot single sticker, and when he reached the age of twenty his father gave him a yacht, capable of sleeping half a dozen persons comfortably.

George found it all he could do to run his yacht on his limited income.

Indeed, he could not have done so at all had he not been his own captain,

quartermaster, cabin boy and cook for the greater part of the time.

Once while laying up near New York he was attacked and robbed by river pirates.

He at once provided himself with arms, including a couple of small cannon forward and a single gun of greater caliber astern, which he called Long Tom. After getting aboard this armament he felt easier. Unless surprised he took into his service Cyrus Barker, a boy of fifteen, who was at home on the water and ill at ease on land.

One hot July day, when there was no wind, George was moving under the power of his motor engine, making toward Portland, Me., from the south.

He had the lighthouses on his port quarter standing out white in the sun, but he was rather interested in a yacht to the westward of him.

She was some seventy tons burden and very trim. No one but a rich person could have afforded to run her.

While MacElroy was looking at her the flag flying from her stern was lowered and raised again, union down, which is a signal of distress.

It remained flying for about a minute, when it was hauled down and replaced as it had been before.

George was puzzled. The yacht was moving along at steady rate of about eight knots and did not seem in any way crippled.

There was no likelihood of illness aboard or want of supplies for Portland was within an hour's sail.

The signal seemed to be for the Hope—George's yacht—for he was much nearer than any other vessel to the boat that had signaled. Something must be wrong aboard of her.

George pointed the Hope to incline toward the signaling yacht. When the flag was righted it had been done in a hurry, as though some one was offended that it had been put up union down.

Perhaps persons were aboard who needed assistance. If so, it behooved the skipper of the Hope to keep a sharp lookout and be on his guard at the same time.

In the course of an hour the Hope was sailing directly astern of the yacht and about a mile distant. Cy Barker was on the forecastle and sang out that there was a woman's sunshine floating on the water ahead.

George put the Hope on a line with it, and on reaching it Cy picked it up.

It had been used to buoy a bottle containing a note written in a woman's hand:

"Help! I am kidnapped by my guardian, who is taking me to an insane asylum.

EMMA BORLAND.

"Here's an adventure and no mistake," said George to Cy. "I've counted three men on the yacht, and we don't know how many more there are, but we've got guns and ammunition enough to sink her, and we must effect a rescue. She's evidently not going into Portland; she'll probably lose herself among the islands to the eastward—that is, if she's trying to throw any one off the track. We must catch her before dark or lose her. Get up the ammunition for the two foreward barker and load them."

George put on all his power and gained rapidly on the yacht, whose name—the Swallow—now appeared on her stern. She did not seem to fear the Hope till George sent a shot after her, which he aimed to go a cable's length to the starboard, and then so great was the surprise of her crew that they didn't seem to know what to do. But presently another shot, still nearer, caused them to shut off their power. George when he came within hailing distance did the same.

"What do you want?" was called from the Swallow.

"The person of Emma Borland."

"On what authority?"

"On the authority of myself. Send her to me in a boat or I'll raise you fore and aft. I've three big guns aboard."

There was evidently a prolonged consultation on the Swallow. What was said, whatever their reasons for assenting to his demand, George did not know, but presently a boat put out and was pulled for the Hope. George and Cy kept it covered with rifles.

When it came alongside there sat a very pretty girl and her maid.

George helped them aboard, the boat pulled back to the Swallow, and she sailed away.

Miss Borland had got one of the crew, who was at the wheel, on her side, and he permitted her to hoist a distress signal.

George took the women to Portland and engaged a lawyer for Miss Borland, who had no difficulty in establishing her sanity. Her guardian left for parts unknown and has not been heard since.

George now runs a much finer yacht than the Hope, but it required the fortune of Emma Borland to buy and run it. She gave it to him with her self for the inestimable service he had done her.

Children Cry for Fletcher's

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifl with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulence, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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In Use For Over 30 Years

The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

L. & N. TIMECARD.

Time of arrival of trains passing through and departure of trains originating at Earlington. Effective Sunday, Oct. 18, 1914.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 92 6:26 a. m.
No. 52 11:18 a. m.
No. 94 8:15 p. m.
No. 54 11:33 p. m.
No. 44 3:55 p. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 53 4:35 a. m.
No. 95 8:32 a. m.
No. 51 4:26 p. m.
No. 93 10:55 p. m.<br

PERMANENT ROAD WORK.

Crockford's Wife

By SADIE OLcott

If you have any influence in the kind of road work done in your county use your effort to have the work done permanently. Kansas spends much money each year replacing temporary culverts and bridges and in working over grades. It should be the practice to make any extensive improvements or alterations only after securing the advice of a competent highway engineer. The temporary employment of such an official is quite practicable, and the returns will be many hundred per cent on the outlay.

The loss of bridges and culverts is a reflected and graded road in generally heavy. Most constructions, even if found in fairly good condition, are totally destroyed by removal. A conspicuous exception is the corrugated iron pipe. When made from high purity iron these culverts are but slightly affected by rust and can thus be satisfactorily classed as permanent improvements, but they are also ideal for a temporary location, as they suffer no damage in being dug out and relaid. Brick, stone or concrete should be employed only where the location is fixed for all time and where an absolutely rigid foundation can be secured.—*Kansas Farmer*.

FOR BETTER ROADS IN DOMINION OF CANADA.

The Government is inaugurating a Systematic Campaign.

Canada is preparing for a systematic campaign for the improvement of all her roads, especially those joining the Dominion with the United States, according to an announcement made by I. S. Pennypacker, executive assistant of the American Highway Association, who attended the first Canadian road congress.

American tourists who have been distressed by Canadian roads will welcome the announcement made by Mr. Pennypacker, because it is believed that within a comparatively short time it will be possible to motor over good roads in Canada. The chief obstacle in the way of accomplishment of the Canadian Good Road Association, which he assisted in forming, is the fact that there are some political differences between the provincial and Dominion governments as to the expenditure of road funds. Commenting on the situation Mr. Pennypacker said:

"In spite of these obstacles I am convinced that within a short time there will be a noticeable improvement of the roads in Canada. As the congress progressed a better understanding was apparent, and political differences were lost sight of. The Dominion government, through its representative, the secretary of state, seemed to take a deep interest in the subject of road improvement and pledged the government to aid the provinces in every way possible. While it is true that the roads in Canada for the main part are in rather bad shape, this congress will undoubtedly be the entering wedge to a movement which will spread throughout the various provinces. The permanent organization which was formed is designed to bring together all factions and to unite the provinces into one centralized movement for the betterment of roads."

MILLIONS FOR ROAD WORK.

Many States Have Large Appropriations For Present Year.

Michigan has appropriated \$4,183,972 for good roads during 1914 and stands fifth in the roll of the states setting aside money for road work. Compilation made by the American Highway Association and transmitted to Secretary George F. Ballou of the Associated Roads Organization of Chicago shows that twenty-five of the states have appropriated a total of \$62,201,016, and Iowa leads the states with \$7,810,000 set aside, while New York state comes second with \$6,000,000. Minnesota third with \$5,672,254, North Carolina fourth with \$5,000,000 and Michigan fifth with \$4,183,972.

The state of Maryland has set aside \$3,700,000 and Ohio \$3,500,000, while Pennsylvania has set aside \$3,500,000 also. Other states that have made noteworthy appropriations include Oregon, \$3,280,000; Massachusetts, \$2,440,515; West Virginia, \$2,236,000; North Dakota, \$2,365,000; Virginia, \$2,000,000; Mississippi, \$1,720,000; Illinois, \$1,300,000, and others, including New Jersey, Alabama, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Idaho, Wisconsin, Delaware and Kentucky, less than \$1,000,000. The last named state has set aside but \$25,000 for road work.

The postoffice department has become intimately identified with the good roads movement through the fact that it employs 43,000 rural free delivery carriers, and these carriers travel a total of about 300,000 miles.

Motoring Abroad.

A new system of customs regulations is now in force in Europe that will greatly facilitate and cheapen the movements of motorists from country to country. With the exception of Germany, Russia and Sweden, practically every country of Europe has the new international customs system. Customs officers have been in its use. For general touring the place of the triptyque requires only one customs stamp and only one set of papers.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take GROVE'S

The Old Standard Grove's Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

A Magnifying Pinhole.

Obtain a piece of blackened card and make a hole in it with a needle; then place a very small object, say, for instance, a tiny insect, on the end of a pin of gum to a strip of glass and view this object through the needle hole in the card at about an inch from it. The insect will appear quite distinct and about ten times larger than its natural size. If, however, you suddenly withdraw the card without disturbing the object, the latter will be invisible. The reason is that the naked eye cannot see at so short a distance as an inch, but the card with the hole enables the eye to approach within an inch and to see not only well, but, as it were, ten times better than with naked vision.

Sick Two Years With Indigestion

"Two years ago I was greatly benefited through using two or three bottles of Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. S. A. Keller, Elida, O. "Before taking them I was sick for two years with Indigestion." Sold by ALL DEALERS.

Mother of Popes.

Bologna seems entitled to the claim of the mother of popes. Its institutions have furnished the world with seven supreme pontiffs and it was the birthplace of five more.—*St. Paul Dispatch*

Mrs. McClain's Experience With Croup

"When my boy, Ray, was small he was subject to croup, and I was always alarmed at such times. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy proved far better than any other for this trouble. It always relieved him quickly. I am never without it in the house for I know it is a sure cure for croup," writes Mrs. W. R. McClain, Blairsville, Pa. For sale by ALL DEALERS.

A Mortgage on Him.

"You must promise me one thing before I will consent to marry you."

"Anything!"

"You must spend as many evenings with me after we are married as you do now"—*Houston Post*.

Your Cold is Dangerous Break It Up—Now

A Cold is readily catching. A run down system is susceptible to Germs. You owe it to yourself and to others of the household to fight the Germs at once. Dr. Bell's Pine Tar Honey is fine for Colds and Coughs. It loosens the Mucus, stops the cough and soothes the Lungs. It's guaranteed. 25c at Your Druggist.

Softening the Blow.

Hard luck is the nicest term we can think of for our own bad judgment.—*Detroit Free Press*.

Any skin itching it, temper tester. The more you scratch the worse it itches. Doan's Ointment is for piles, eczema—any skin itching. See all drug stores.

A Possible Reason.

"Why does every girl weep at a wedding?" "Because it isn't her wedding, perhaps."—*Louisville Courier-Journal*.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO CINTENTE fails to cure any case of itching, burning, bleeding or protruding piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. See all drug stores.

A New Pen.

To break in a new pen wet it for a second before using and it will write as well as an old one.

A household remedy in America for 26 years—Dr. Thomas' Eclectic Oil. For cuts, sprains, burns, soards, bruises, 25c and 50c. At all drug stores.

Lightning and Thunder.

Don't be alarmed at a terrific thunderclap following a lightning flash after an interval of two seconds or more. This sound, which is caused by heating and sudden expansion of the air by the great electric spark, is comparatively slow, traveling only at the rate of a mile in five seconds, while the flash is instantaneous. Therefore when two seconds or more elapse the storm is still at a safe distance of half a mile or so. But if the interval between the flash and detonation is only a second or less the electrical disturbance is close at hand, and any prominent standing object in your immediate vicinity is liable to be struck.—*New York World*.

The Humble Librettist.

In the history of the opera there are many curious anomalies, but perhaps the strangest is the role played by the librettist. For the most part chaste and unimportant, his rank has nevertheless been recruited from the subtle and most brilliant men of literature. Among those who have undertaken the part are such unlikely names as Voltaire, Goethe, Wieland, Addison and Fielding, while others of considerable poetic talent, as, for example, Metastasio, Cimarigl, Rinuccini, Boito and Coppée, have tried their hand at libretto writing with assurance, giving to it their best efforts. And yet the successful librettists are few—the merest handful out of a harvest of centuries.

For dyspepsia, our national ailment, use Bardecks Blood Bitters. Recommended for strong digestion, purifying the blood. At all drug stores. \$7.00 a bottle.

DIAMOND-CUT DIAMOND

By RUTH GRAHAM

Henry Dickinson and Arthur Treat, both gold hunters, met in California years ago, when the country was wild, and after a life of hardship owned together a hole in the ground that promised to make them rich. Within a mile of them a man named Barker kept a store. Barker had some money, and the partners told him of their find and advised him to put his capital to develop it, offering him an eighth interest.

Barker learned all he wished from them about their mine, then said that mining was too risky a business for him; he wouldn't invest. In taking matters over Treat let Barker into a secret concerning his past life. He had become indebted in the east and so involved that he had taken French leave and gone to California to make a fresh start. If his mine panned out well he would pay his debts.

One day Treat went to Barker's store for some provisions and on the way back to his mine was kidnapped, taken to San Francisco and thence to Philadelphia. There his creditors, who had captured him, kept him in jail on various charges, because it had been reported to them that he had made money which he was concealing. But Treat finally convinced them that all he had in the world was an undeveloped mine in California. If they would give him a chance to develop it they would get their money. They freed him, and he succeeded in getting some capital from a relative. Then he returned to California after an absence of five months.

There he found his partner in jail charged with his (Treat's) murder. Dickinson was released at once, and the two held a conference. When their stories were put together it came out that Barker had laid out a plan to get possession of their mine. He wrote Treat's creditors that he had made money, and they arranged for his kidnapping, getting him away so secretly that no one knew what had become of him. Then Barker through paid stool pigeons manufactured evidence to show that Dickinson had injured his partner.

The first impulse of the partners on seeing through a scheme by which both had suffered and Dickinson had been sentenced to be hanged was to punish Barker legally. But after investigation they found that he had covered his tracks so adroitly that he would have every advantage. Besides, the law was not well administered, and even if they could convict Barker they would find it difficult to get him punished.

They therefore decided to fight him in the way he had fought them. Treat had brought money with him to develop the mine, but this they concealed from Barker. They pretended to be discouraged and begged Barker to visit their mine, see for himself what it was worth and invest on his own terms. They had no difficulty in convincing him of the mine's value, and after much haggling he agreed to let them have \$10,000 if they would cede to him a half interest.

They at once engaged a lawyer to draw up an agreement and submitted it to Barker. He was satisfied with it, and Dickinson copied it. Then it signed it, and one of the copies was delivered to Barker on payment of the mine.

For a time after that the mine did well, but the partners soon told Barker that they must have more money. He grumbled, but agreed to give them \$5,000 more for half their interest, making his own three-quarters. The transaction was completed, and Barker, who knew what the ore was paying, was well pleased. But the partners soon wanted more money and got it from Barker for half of their quarter interest, giving him all the mine except an eighth. The partners begged him not to be so hard on them, but he was relentless.

When the partners once more called on Barker for more money he denied them, but offered to buy their remaining eighth interest. They finally assented, but with great apparent reluctance. The money was paid and a bill of sale made out and signed by Dickinson and Treat, who were given a month to settle up their affairs and turn over the property.

The month passed, but the partners, instead of settling up their affairs, seemed to be developing the mine. On the thirtieth day Barker got out all the bills of sale they had given him and went to the mine to demand possession.

"We own this mine," said Dickinson, "and we propose to keep it."

"We'll see about that," was Barker's reply, and he opened his documents.

What was his surprise to see nothing but blank paper.

When the miners had laid their scheme to circumvent Barker, Treat, who before coming to California had been a manufacturer of ink, knew of a mixture that would look like ink, but would fade entirely out within a few days after being used on paper. Before making any papers for Barker he had gone to San Francisco and purchased some of this ink, and every document given Barker had been written with it.

Barker, who was ruined, threatened criminal proceedings, but the partners had covered their tracks as well as he had covered his in his diabolical scheme to get their mine. Dickinson & Treat sold their property for \$200,000 and a half interest. Treat paid his debts in full.

STUDYING ROAD CONDITIONS

Department of Agriculture Aiding Local Road Building.

The purpose of a study undertaken by the department of agriculture is to discover the points of excellence and defects in existing local methods of building and maintaining roads, which will aid the state authorities to put local road management on a systematic basis. The co-operating state authorities have been asked to designate counties that present typical and exceptional features as to topography, character of road materials, methods of construction and maintenance, administrative organization, methods of road financing and traffic conditions.

This investigation is prompted by the fact that there is at present very little knowledge as to the most effective and economical methods by which a county can develop its roads. At present the methods of financing local road improvements vary from calling on farmers for a certain number of days' labor in lieu of a road tax or the use of county prisoners in road construction to bond issues or maintenance of roads from dramshop license fees.

The department will study all of these systems with the view to determining what system or combination of systems works best in actual practice.

There is, moreover, at present no standard system of keeping accounts for road building and maintenance, and as a result, while some counties know to a penny the purpose for which money was spent, others have no definite check or reporting system. Among various counties with the same conditions cost for excavation or other labor is anything but uniform, and many counties, because of the absence of definite knowledge, fail to use local and cheap materials and construct roads which are unnecessarily expensive for their purpose or which will wear out before the bond issues are redeemed. The investigation will include a careful study of the use of convict labor in road construction.

The heads of state highway departments are manifesting great interest and are co-operating cordially in this work. The data, when obtained, will be published.

STREET PAVING IN JAPAN.

Modern Methods Practically Unknown Throughout the Country.

According to a report from United States Consul General Skidmore, modern street paving is as yet practically unknown throughout Japan. The usual Japanese street has no sidewalk pavements, and no attempts have been made to provide separate roadways for pedestrians outside the business districts of the more important cities. These streets have no artificial pavements, they are usually macadamized in as cheap a way as possible and are shockingly bad at all times of the year in the congested traffic districts. In the city of Tokyo, population some 2,000,000, there is only one steam roller employed on these pavings and that is usually out of order.

In Yokohama a few of the business streets have cement sidewalks, but none of the streets is paved. Yokohama has a population of about 400,000 and street mileage about equal to that of any city of like population in the United States.

A few experiments in street paving have been carried on in Tokyo under supervision of the city authorities, but only a scant three miles have so far been paved, and this paving has been done with wooden blocks coated with a very thin covering of asphalt. The streets so paved are already showing signs of hard wear.

The main business street of Tokyo, the Ginza, has cement sidewalks on both sides of the main roadway. The Ginza is a broad street and has a large traffic. The laying of cement sidewalks in Tokyo is gradually being extended and will undoubtedly be greatly augmented as the plan for widening the streets of the capital is gradually carried out. The rapid increase in traffic of all kinds, especially motor traffic, is playing havoc with the roadways, and the necessity for more durable pavements is becoming more and more apparent to the authorities. All the streets now paved with cement have cement curbs. I know of no residence streets paved and few of them have special roadways for pedestrians, says the consul general.

Road Work in California.

Surveys of roads to be improved in Riverside county, Cal., by the \$1,125,000 county bond issue recently voted are now being made by three corps of engineers. One corps under Engineer Fulmor is surveying at the San Diego county line near Tijuana, another is under Engineer Loucks, and the third division, which is under Engineer Warren, is working from the Orange county line to Corona. According to a statement by Commissioner Campbell, it will take between two and three years to complete the proposed highway system.

Better Than Macadam.

The abandonment of macadam as a road pavement is recommended by William Elbring, highway engineer of St. Louis county, Mo. Mr. Elbring states that rapidly increasing traffic has made various forms of macadam road construction inadequate and urges the construction of permanent pavements of brick or concrete costing from \$15,000 to \$20,000 per mile. The report shows that \$372,161 was expended on maintenance during the past year, an increase of nearly \$12,000 over the previous year.

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